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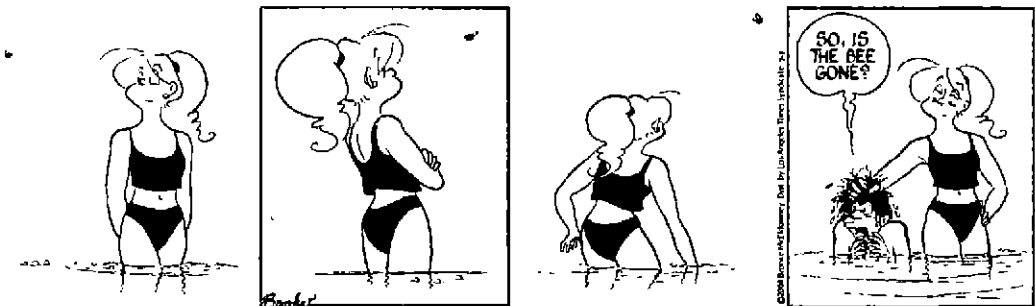
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



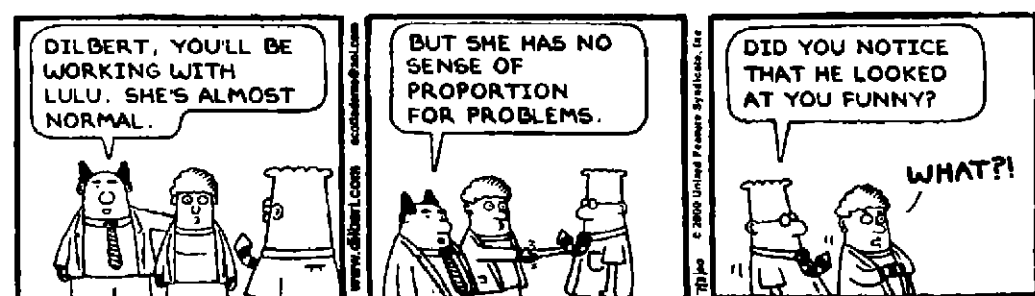
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



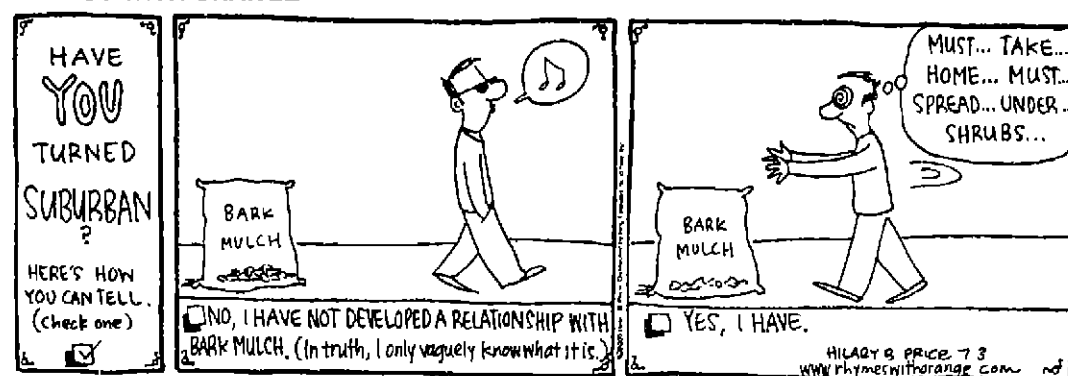
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Movie director Ken Russell is 73. Jazz musician Pete Fountain is 70. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 63. Writer-producer Jay Tarses is 51. Singer Fontella Bass is 60. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 58. Actor Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is 55. Country singer Johnny Lee is 54. Actress Betty Buckley is 53. Rock singer-musician Paul Barrere (Little Feat) is 52. Actress Jan Smithers is 51.

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Y	O	H	M	N	I	I	3rd Letter Triple
O	P	R	D	S	E	I	
H	E	K	T	C	T	I	Triple Word Score
L	T	T	A	C	E	I	

PAR SCORE 150-180
by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-300

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

MOVE 1ST 2 LETTERS TO THE END TO MAKE A NEW WORLD

DNKHDAXURPMJGDA
XKVSQNDKIFDAXVT
AQNOMRLJHFCAYWU
RRPINEOLJHFDDBZX
VTBRLSHNQOMKITH
FDNETPPDABZYWSV
TRQRZEUNNMOYNIL
KIINUCHIOFDOCLA
ZPXEWTHWVSELGNA
EDISACPPUSRLREQ
ONMTESPUKJIAHFE

Saturday's unlisted clue: MONOCLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: TO JOIN THE SERVICE

Alloy	Chin	Slips	Upturn
Angle	Ernest	Uphold	Uplink
Arson	Manor	Uplink	Zebra
Aside	Respect	Uplink	

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73

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, July 4

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make the most of an engaging time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Sibling rivalry is likely to come to a head.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You provide an invaluable service to someone in need.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a great time for negotiating, as people around you are feeling unusually generous.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Plan to spread the joy around by arranging a special treat for a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's a rather mundane time; one where you'll be forced to attend to responsibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is an excellent time to get out and make new friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A challenge might arise to your position, and you'll need to keep your ego in check.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A minor gamble is likely to pay off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone you put your trust in turns out not to be quite what you thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You find yourself in the role of adviser to a close friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Resist the urge to get caught up in idle gossip.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

A reader asks, "Against suit contracts, is it better to choose a passive lead, or is it better to attack?"

Against confident bidding, time works against the defenders, so an attacking lead is usually best.

Against a marginal game, it's often best to defend passively.

Another factor is

West's trump holding.

When he holds length in trumps, it's

often best for him to

play the forcing

game until he loses

control. Holding four

trumps including the

ace, West leads his

longest and strongest

suit, hoping to

find help from East.

East obliges, and when

dummy ducks, West's diamond

jack holds the trick. West continues with his diamond

king, and yet another diamond forces dummy to ruff.

When South leads trumps, West ducks his ace, and

when South leads another trump, West ducks again.

East's discard bringing bad news. If South leads another

trump, West will take his ace and lead his last di-

amond, forcing South's last trump. West's last trump

then produces the setting trick. What if South plays his

black suits instead of leading a third trump? It won't

matter. Eventually, West will score a club ruff and his

trump ace for the same one down.

NORTH 9740 A

A Q 8

Q J 9 3

Q 3

K 5 3 2

WEST

J 6 3

A 5 4 2

K J 10 9

7 4

EAST

10 9 7 4 2

8

A 7 4

9 8 6

SOUTH

K 5

K 10 8 7

6 5 2

A Q J 10

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: North

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass

4 ♥ All pass

* Forcing

Opening lead: Diamond Jack

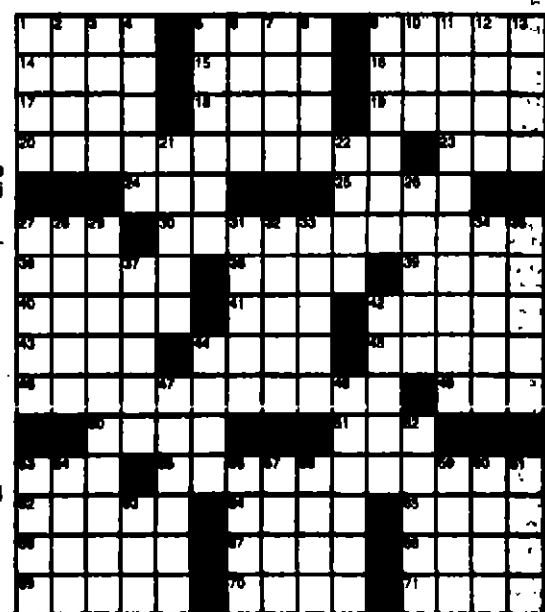
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0522

- ACROSS**
- Does simple arithmetic
 - Aide: Abbr.
 - Cat, informally
 - "I" to recall
 - Gossipy Barrett
 - What treasure hunters want to know
 - Capri, e.g.
 - Heart of the matter
 - Flip chart holder
 - Suffice, and then some
 - Faucet
 - Mai (drink)
 - Budget competitor
 - Society newcomer
 - Shake on it
 - Ceramic-making, e.g.
 - Wanton look
 - Rick's "Casablanca" love
 - Group of key officers
 - London's Big
 - Files alone
 - Tennis great Arthur
 - Parts of a min.
 - Congregational cries
 - Go for a swim, say, during hot weather
 - Bygone car
 - "Now it's clear"
 - "Here, the season"
 - Not near
 - Surpass all others
 - Up in years
 - "Tickle-me" character
 - Crème-filled snack
 - Violinmaker who taught Stradivari
 - Per (daily)
 - Huckleberry
 - Central American Indiana
 - Not crazy
 - Minnesota
- DOWN**
- "Like, no way!"
 - He loved Lucy
 - Big computer maker
 - Pierine, as metal
 - Veronica's guy, in the comics
 - Achy
 - Social slight
 - Curbside cry
 - Jury number, commonly
 - "Now I get it!"
 - Any Grisham novel
 - La (tar pits)
 - Kennel sound
 - "Here, try some!"
 - Best of "The Wizard of Oz"
 - Peculiar expression
 - 1983 comedy with Mr. T
 - Clear, as a disk
 - Coffure cries

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DEARJOHN NATION
APPLAUSE EBBING
TOPSTENS STUNTS
ACE TRAYON BOA
BEAM AMATH ORAL
ENSUE FRA VISE
TEUP DEATBELTS
MOUL NEAR
OUBSCAVE LAPUS
FRAU EVA KRONA
FUE PERIS MOVI
COL PAROUL PED
ACETIC ENDGERS
SHRINK LIESWITH
TESSES LASTWISH



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- 31** "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" dramatist
- 32** Parasitic type
- 33** Puerile, e.g.
- 34** In union
- 35** Rodeo rope
- 37** Worms
- 42** Composer Erik
- 44** Mets' home
- 47** Hot 1990's computer game
- 48** In
- 52** Speak derisively
- 53** Shaving stuff
- 54** meter
- 55** Sneakers brand
- 57** Charles Lamb's pen name
- 58** Certain Feds
- 59** Song for Carmen
- 60** Superman, most of the time
- 61** Almost forever
- 63** Airplane announcement for short

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